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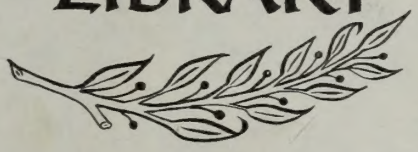

Boston Police

It's Your Department

It's an emergency and you dial the 911 emergency number. What happens at police headquarters?

What do you do if a friend or relative turns out to be a drug pusher?

How can a senior citizen protect himself against crime?

And those mounted police—what do they do to protect you?

The Boston Police Department wants you to know how your police are protecting you, and what you can do to protect yourself. To provide this information, the department has a speakers bureau with specialists from within the department to answer these questions.

Included in this pamphlet is a list of speech topics: recruiting and training police officers, homicide investigations, the police commissioner and police policy—and the crime prevention information you need to know.

Topics

- **Your Area Police Commander**—Meet the man in charge of police services for your community and learn what you can do to help improve police services.
- **Ballistics**—How this unit test-fires guns and matches them with evidence found at scenes of crime, issues and repairs all the department's firearms and receives all weapons voluntarily turned in to the police by citizens.
- **Stop Rape Program**—Program on how to prevent rape, what to do if attacked and what to do to report a rape. A 20-minute lecture, plus a 15-minute film and self-defense demonstration by police officers.
- **Telephone 911 (Emergency Police Communications)**—Explanation of how police are dispatched to the scene of a crime and why citizens should report crime.
- **Boston Police Emergency Rescue Unit**—Explanation of Boston Police emergency rescue services provided in the cases of auto accidents, train wrecks and natural disasters. Bomb scare procedures are also covered.
- **Community Affairs**—Steps being taken to improve overall police responsiveness to the community are explained as well as how the community service officer can serve you.
- **Boston Police Mounted Patrol**—Benefits of a mounted patrol are explained, including how the mounted police control crowds and how the horses are trained. (Must be held outside.)

- **Boston Police Crime Laboratory**—Methods followed to obtain, preserve and analyze physical evidence for its presentation in court are presented as well as how fingerprints are taken.
- **Alcoholic Problems and the Law**—Explanation of alcoholism and crime. Also covered is the Alcoholic Safety Action Program of the Boston Police.
- **Homicide Investigation**—Explanation of department investigations of murder, manslaughter and suicide, and measures taken to protect witnesses.
- **Juvenile Problems**—Many crimes in Boston are committed by juveniles. The speaker explains how schools, parents and the community can prevent juvenile crimes.
- **Boston Police Canine Unit**—Demonstration of how the department utilizes dogs for patrol and searching.
- **Officer Friendly**—A program presented to the children in the community explaining the role of the police.
- **Organized Crime**—How organized crime affects the average citizen.
- **Protection Against Crime**—Methods to protect yourself, your car, home and business against crime are explained.
- **Special Investigation Unit**—Post Office Box 911. Explanation of how the department investigates reports of corruption within the department and how citizens can report corruption.
- **Protection for Senior Citizens**—Explanation of the kinds of crime that senior citizens are vulnerable to and how they can prevent becoming crime victims.
- **Citywide Anti-Crime Unit**—Talk on how police use decoys to battle street crime and how you can help.
- **Recruiting and Training**—The methods used to choose qualified persons to be police officers are explored. Also covered is training given to police officers.
- **The Police Commissioner and Police Policy**—Steps taken to make the department more responsive to the citizens are explored.
- **Computers in Law Enforcement**—How the department uses computers to fight crime.
- **Identification**—Description of how this division fingerprints and photographs prisoners and evidence from crime scenes, goes to the mortuary to identify bodies from prints and testifies in court cases.
- **Narcotics and Drug Abuse**—What can be done to prevent drug abuse? What do you do if a friend or relative is a drug abuser? These and other questions about drug abuse are covered.

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A Message from the Commissioner

As much as the public needs the police, we need the public. We need the public's scrutiny to keep us honest, and we need your support to help us keep our promise of protecting you.

Through the Speakers Bureau, we in the Boston Police Department hope to provide the opportunity for you to know and understand the police function—the problems of the patrolman on the street, the obstacles facing the drug control unit, how homicide investigations are done—and with this knowledge we hope that the community will help us to do a better job.

To combat crime it is essential that the community be aware of all aspects of police work. This awareness not only helps us do our job, but also dispels fear of the police by opening our operations to the public.

Our speakers are specialists in their fields. Their expertise is invaluable in helping you protect yourself and your property.

As commissioner of the Boston Police Department, I urge you to take advantage of this service of *your* police.

How to Get a Speaker...

To obtain a speaker, write the Informational Services section of the Boston Police, 154 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass., 02116. Please give at least two weeks notice. Because of the volume of requests, speakers can only be provided for appearances within the City of Boston. If you have a question about the Speakers Bureau call 536-6700, ext. 204.

Dial 911

Be the eyes and ears of the Police.

Help stop crime by reporting it.

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